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Honorable Sir:

In response to the Examiner's letter of February 7, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Request for Extension in Time to Respond begins on page 12 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawing are reflected in replacement sheets of drawing attached hereto.

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